

The Columbia-Paris Alliance Program, the Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration and Religion (CDTR), the Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life (IRCPL), and the South Asia Institute are pleased to announce a conference on:

**PAKISTAN 2010:
THE MOST DANGEROUS DECADE BEGINS**

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

International Affairs Building, Room 1501
Columbia University, 420 West 118th Street

Open to the public. Please RSVP to mj2412@columbia.edu
(You are welcome to attend for the day or for either one of the two sessions)

Join us for a symposium on one of the most volatile and strategically-significant spots on the globe: Pakistan. 2010 begins a critical decade for Pakistan, during which it faces a triple crisis of political instability, economic disaster and Islamist forces. Pakistan, of course, does not exist in isolation, and the problems there have far-reaching implications for Afghanistan, India, and the wider world.

THE DOMESTIC SCENE IN PAKISTAN

Morning Session – 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Featuring:

Alfred Stepan (Columbia) and **Christophe Jaffrelot** (Sciences Po-CERI) for the opening remarks;

S. Akbar Zaidi (Columbia), *Economic or Political Crises? Not Learning from the Past*;

Aqil Shah (Harvard), *The Military and Democracy After Musharraf*;

Hassan Abbas (Columbia), *Internal Security at the Time of Counter Insurgency*;

Phillip Oldenburg (Columbia), *Will the Judiciary Save Pakistan?*

PAKISTAN IN ITS REGION AND BEYOND

Afternoon Session – 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Featuring:

Mariam Abou Zahab (Sciences Po), *Afghan and Pakistani Taliban as a Social Movement*;

Christine Fair (Georgetown), *India and Pakistan in Afghanistan: Opportunities and Constraints*;

W.S.P Sidhu (East-West Institute), *Prospects for Normalization of Indo-Pak Relations*;

Christophe Jaffrelot (Sciences Po-CERI), *The US-Pakistan Relations at the Crossroad – Once Again*

BIOGRAPHIES

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Dr. C. Christine Fair is an assistant professor in the Center for Peace and Security Studies (CPASS), within Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. She is also a Senior Fellow with the Counter Terrorism Center at West Point and is a Research Fellow with National Bureau of Asia Research's National Asia Research Program. She has a PhD from the Department of South Asian Languages and Civilization in 2004 and an MA in the Harris School of Public Policy. Recent books include *Political Islam and Governance in Bangladesh* with Ali Riaz (Routledge, 2010); *Treading Softly on Sacred Ground: Counterinsurgency Operations on Sacred Space* with Sumit Ganguly (OUP, 2008); *Cuisines of the Axis of Evil and Other States* (Lyons, 2008); *The Madrassah Challenge: Militancy and Religious Education in Pakistan* (USIP, 2008).

Dr. Christophe Jaffrelot, is a French political scientist specializing in South Asia, especially India and Pakistan, who serves as an advisor to the French government on the region. He is a senior research fellow at CERI (Center for International Research and Studies) at Sciences Po. Christophe Jaffrelot has written fourteen books on India and Pakistan including: *Religion, Caste, and Politics in India*, (Delhi: Primus Books, 2010), and *Pakistan: Nationalism Without A Nation?* (Zed Books, 2002). He served as the director of CERI from 2000-2008, and is the current director of *Critique internationale*. Christophe Jaffrelot was the Alliance Visiting Professor at Columbia University in 2009.

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Dr. Aqil Shah is a research fellow at the Society of Fellows, Harvard University. He holds a PhD in Political Science from Columbia University and an M Phil in International Development from Oxford University where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

Dr. Alfred Stepan is the Wallace Sayre Professor of Government at Columbia University, the Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration, and Religion, the co-Director of the Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life and the former Dean of Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs. He worked with George Soros as the founding Rector and President of Central European University in Budapest, Prague and Warsaw and he was Gladstone Professor of Government and Fellow of All Souls College, University of Oxford. Stepan is a specialist on comparative democracies in the modern world and his thirteen books and edited volumes have been translated into over a dozen languages. Recent books include *Crafting State Nations: India and Other Multinational Democracies* (JHUP, forthcoming) and *Democracies in Danger* (JHUP, 2009).

Dr. S. Akbar Zaidi is a Visiting Professor at SIPA and at MESAAS. Zaidi taught economics at the University of Karachi from 1983 to 1996 before becoming a visiting scholar at the University of Oxford (1998) and later a research fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Institute for the Advanced Study of India in New Delhi (2002–2003). From 2004 to 2005 he was a visiting professor at SAIS and in 2008 he was a Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy. Zaidi's twelfth book, *Military, Civil Society and Democratization in Pakistan*, is to be published by Vanguard Press, Lahore in October 2010.



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